

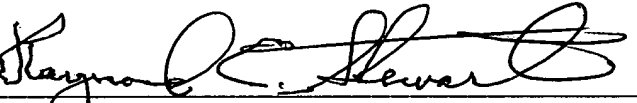


- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1626  
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*IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

Applicant: Hiroyuki MIURA et al. Conf.: 6379  
Appl. No.: 09/980,588 Group: 1626  
Filed: December 4, 2001 Examiner: ANDERSON  
For: PROCESS FOR SEPARATING IMIDE COMPOUNDS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

April 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as indicated hereinbelow and enter the Remarks which follow into the file of the application.

This response includes:

Amendment to the specification;  
Amended claim set; and  
Remarks.